

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: RAYMOND F. GESTELAND )  
et al. )  
TITLE: FINDING ACTIVE )  
ANTISENSE )  
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES )  
USING ARTIFICIAL )  
NEURAL NETWORKS ) PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R.  
SERIAL NO.: 10/050,888 ) \$1.136(a)  
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EXAMINER: E. DeJong )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated May 24, 2005, be extended for three months until November 25, 2005. Submitted herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a), (3) is the fee of \$1020 as required. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0836.

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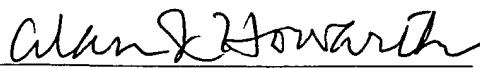
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